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AGENDA

Auditorium
State Library and Archives
February 26, 2008
8:15 am

Rulemaking hearing

1. Rulemaking hearing on proposed Rules 0580-1-03, Rules pertaining to complaint proceedings.

Old Business

2. Approval of Minutes, January 15, 2008 meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes, February 11, 2008 teleconference meeting.
4. Draft Rules Pertaining to Administrative Sanctions, 0580-1-04.
5. Training: length of time, content, other issues.
6. Legislative issues: Further response to Joint Legislative Study Committee
7. Pending legislation that would affect the Commission:
 - a. HB 3932/ SB 4025 (Commission members and spouses are exempt from the 12 month cooling off period of section 3-6-103(j),
 - b. HB3381/ SB3691(TN Lobbyists Assn proposals re: training to be offered when gen. assembly is in session, financial records of alleged violator will not become public record if no probable cause is found, and random audit scope to be limited),
 - c. HB3365/ SB 3656 (witness statements furnished during governmental entity investigation shall not be public records),
 - d. HB3376/ SB3597(merger),
 - e. HB3752/ SB 3596(monthly filing of reports by lobbyists, employers, and officials of all expenditures made to provide meals to officials in the previous month),

- f. HB 3753/ SB 3595 (exempts volunteer lobbyists from registration fees and occupational privilege tax),
- g. HB 2946/ SB 2905 (requirement to initiate investigation if sworn testimony alleges or admits a violation),
- h. HB 2614/ SB 2761 (require Commission to accept paper filing of local official financial disclosure statements),
- i. HB 3536/ SB 2461 (sunset date, captioned for title 3, chapter 6, and title 4, chapter 29),
- j. HB 1238/ SB 1138 (termination of employees by Commission for misuse of office for personal financial gain).

New Business:

- 8. Response/comment on Fincher bill re paper filings
- 9. Draft Advisory Opinions
 - a. Shepard, David, Representative (received request Jan.10; event date – March 14)
 - b. Homebuilders Ass'n of Tennessee (received request Dec. 4; event date -- March 11)
 - c. Cooley, David (received request Jan 28; event date n/a)
- 10. Pending opinion requests
 - a. American Heart Association (received Feb. 13; event April __).
 - b. Gowan, Robert (received request Jan. 28; clarification requested Jan. 31; event date n/a)
 - c. Southeastern Transportation Geotechnical Engineering Conference (received request Feb. 7; event date Oct. 27)
- 11. Teleconference meeting issues
 - a. Technical ability: staff will seek to obtain Meeting procedure when commissioners attend by telephone
 - b. Executive Director to announce the procedure at the start of the call
 - c. Identification of all persons present when meeting commences
 - d. Announcement by staff when persons leave or enter the public location for listening to the meeting room.
- 12. Responses to media inquiries
 - a. Statements taken from Commission meeting minutes
 - b. Statements of applicable law
 - c. Hypotheticals
 - d. Hypotheticals with names attached
 - e. Other issues
- 13. Agenda for meeting of March 25, 2008.
- 14. General Counsel's Report
 - a. Opinion request intake procedure
 - b. Informal advice calls and potential upcoming opinion requests
 - c. Other items
- 15. Executive Director's Report.